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SUBJECT: HADDAD'S MEETINGS AUGUST 5.

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1. UN SOURCE HAS GIVEN US ACCOUNT OF HADDAD'S MEETING AUGUST 4 WHICH CONFIRMS AND SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION TEL AVIV'S 9996.

2. FIRST WAS TWO HOUR MEETING AT METULLA BETWEEN HADDAD, CUQ, RANA, LEVERETTE, AND BEN GAL. HADDAD REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO ENTRY INTO SOUTH LEBANON OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A PRO- SYRIAN FORCE. ABOUT HALF OF THE OFFICERS IN HE LEBANESE BATTALION WERE KNOWN TO HIM. THEY CAME FROM THE MARJAYOUN AREA AND HAD FLED NORTH DURING THE CIVIL WAR. HADDAD STRESSED THAT HE DID NOT WANT THEM IN THE SOUTH.

3. HADDAD ALSO SAID THAT HE WANTS TO BE REINSTATED.

4. ENTIRE DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND ABOVE POINTS. THERE WAS NO
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DISCUSSION OF OTHER POINTS OUTLINED BY WEIZMAN, ROUTE TO BE TAKEN, EQUIPMENT PERMITTED ETC. ALTHOUGH UNNY SENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNIFIL TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE WITH A VIEW TO PERSUADING HADDAD TO LET BATTALION PASS, OUR UN SOURCE HERE HAS IMPRESSION UN OFFICERS AUGUST 4 CONCENTRATED ON GETTING HADDAD TO MAINTAIN THE CEASE-FIRE, WHICH HE AGREED TO DO. THERE WAS NO FIRING LAST NIGHT.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE MEETING, UN ARRANGED TETE-A-TETE
BETWEEN LEBANESE COMMANDER SAAD AND HADDAD. TWO SPOKE ALONE IN ARABIC
AND UN HERE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT RESULTS, IF ANY, WERE ACHIEVED. CUQ AN
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AND SAAD ARE NOW BACK IN BEIRUT.

6. COMMENT. BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, THINGS REMAIN
IN A STALEMATE AT KAWKABA. UN DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE
BEEN GIVEN TO SAAD. UN DOES NOT KNOW FOR SURE WHERE HADDAD IS
GETTING HIS INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED PRO-SYRIAN MAKE UP OF
LEBANESE BATTALION. UN IS STRUCK THAT MODALITIES OF MOVEMENT ARE
APPARENTLY NOT BEING DISCUSSED ON THE GROUND. I HAVE INVITED
AIME TO LUNCH TODAY AND HE MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
I WILL PRESS HIM TO HAVE UNIFIL PLAY A BROADER ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS.
UN HAS JUST CALLED TO AY THEY UNDERSTAND ISRAELI TV EVENING
AUGUST 4 CARRIED REPORT UN OFFERED HADDAD MONEY IF HE WOULD LEAVE
SOUTH LEBANON. UN CATEGORICALLY DENIES STORY.

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